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(Case No. 01-1633-A)

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	)	Art Unit: 1645
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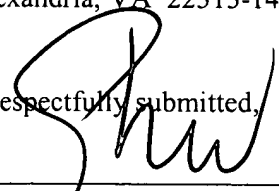
In regard to the above identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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1. Natan, U.S. Patent No. 5,609,907, issued March 11, 1997.
2. Natan, U.S. Patent No. 6,025,202, issued February 15, 2000.
3. Natan, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,149,868, issued November 21, 2000.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1.	5,609,907	03/11/97	Natan			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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